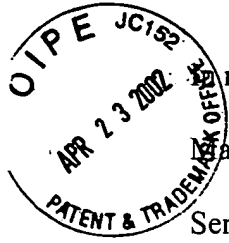


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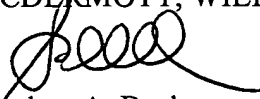
Each reference was cited in an European Search Report and its relevance discussed therein. A copy of the European Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information.

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